

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified Patent Application in light of the Amendment and Remarks.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the 11.5.07 Office Action.

Status of Petition to Correct Filing Receipt

Applicant previously filed a Petition to Correct Filing Receipt on March 13, 2007, which attached the requisite proof (stamped postcard) of filing the instant application on October 14, 2005, not May 25, 2006. A copy of the March 13, 2007 Petition to Correct Filing Receipt is attached as Exhibit A. Upon receipt of the 10.5.07 Office Action, Applicant noted that the PTOL-90A cover sheet attached to the 11.5.07 Office Action continued to list 5.25.06 as the filing date of the instant application. Applicant respectfully requests correction of the filing date of the instant application pursuant to the 3.13.07 Petition.

Amendment Of The Claims

At page 2 of the 11.5.07 Office Action, the Examiner requested that "A new set of claims indicating the status of all the claims should be submitted." In response, Applicants have:

- (a) withdrawn claims directed to non-elected inventions;
- (b) amended claims 1, 3, 7-10, and 13 so as to conform with the Group II (medical device) invention identified in the 11.5.07 Office Action; and
- (c) added new claims 17-19 directed to the Group II (medical device) invention identified in the 11.5.07 Office Action.

Specification support for the above-listed new and amended claims is found at least as follows:

Support for “medical device” is found at at least paragraph 1 of the specification as filed.

Support for “blood” is found at at least paragraph 18 of the specification as filed.

Support for “test strip” is found at at least paragraph 18 of the specification as filed.

Support for “spreading” is found at at least paragraph 20 of the specification as filed.

Support for “a filtering layer” is found at at least paragraphs 26 and 34-35 of the specification as filed.

Support for “dry” is found at at least paragraph 44 of the specification as filed

Support for “enzyme” is found at at least paragraph 27 of the specification as filed.

Support for “buffered enzymatic color-imetric reagents” is found at at least paragraph 24 of the specification as filed.

Support for “means for reading...measurement” is found at at least paragraph 64 of the specification as filed.

Support for “means for storing...” is found at at least paragraph 58 of the specification as filed.

Support for “compound selected from the group consisting of gelatin and agarose” is found at at least paragraph 24 of the specification as filed.

Support for “electron mediator” is found at at least paragraph 30 of the specification as filed.

Support for “download” is found at at least paragraph 66 of the specification as filed.

Support for “fluid contact” is found at at least paragraph 22 of the specification as filed.

Support for “10kD” is found at at least paragraph 32 of the specification as filed.

Support for “water soluble” is found at at least paragraph 42 of the specification as filed.

Support for “pH 8.6” is found at at least paragraph 36 of the specification as filed.

It is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 13, and 17-19 are presented for examination, with claim 15 having been withdrawn hereby (without prejudice or disclaimer) and claims 2, 4-6, 11-12, 14 and 16 having been previously canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer).

In the November 5, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following so-called Inventions as indicated below would be required:

- Invention I: test element for determining the level of phenylalanine in a biological fluid: claims 1, 3, 7 and 8. In view of the instant claim amendments, it is Applicant's view that the category of Invention I now includes pending claims 3, 7-10, and 17-19.
- Invention II: medical device adapted for the monitoring of blood levels of phenylalanine: claims 11, 12 and 16. In view of the instant claim amendments, it is Applicant's view that the category of Invention II now includes pending claims 1, 3, 7-10, 13, and 17-19.
- Invention III: method for determining the presence or absence of phenylalanine in a biological sample: claim 15. In view of the instant claim amendments, it is Applicant's view that the category of Invention III now includes withdrawn claim 15.

In response, applicants hereby elect so-called Invention II (claims 1, 3, 7-10, 13, and 17-19).

Of note, applicants specifically reserve the right to add generic claim(s) during the prosecution of the application. In addition, applicants specifically reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to any non-elected invention.


Finally, it is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

Applicant urges that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits early and favorable action by the Examiner.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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In re Application of: SHUNNARAH, Richard, et al.

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FILED: October 14, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FOR: MEDICAL DEVICE FOR MONITORING BLOOD PHENYLALANINE LEVELS

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PETITION TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Filing Date set forth in the Filing Receipt, copy attached, be corrected. This application was filed on October 14, 2005, not May 25, 2006. See copy of post card, attached. Accordingly, correction is requested.

No fee is believed due from the filing of this Petition. If a fee is due, however, please deduct it from our Account No. 50-1561.

Dated: March 13, 2007

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Medical device for monitoring blood phenylalanine levels

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The following items have been received:

- Indication of Small Entity Status
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